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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Assistant to the  
Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Answers to Inquiry re NRO monthly  
Forecast, July 1963

1. In response to your request to OSA concerning the brief description of items listed on Satellite page of NRO Monthly Forecast, the following information is submitted:

a. "CORONA (M<sub>23</sub>)" is a 24" standard CORONA Mural Satellite with a non-TAT THOR/AGENA booster launched from Vandenburg. At present, this is the R-7 vehicle that is being used as a standby in the event CORONA (J<sub>1</sub>) fails. R-7 can be launched, I estimate, 20 or 21 July providing J<sub>1</sub> goes off on schedule which looks doubtful to me at this time.

b. CORONA J<sub>1</sub> and J<sub>2</sub> are two separate missions, each "J" system consisting of a double CORONA Mural configuration. The first portion of this double system can acquire four days photography and be recovered at the PMR as usual. The second portion

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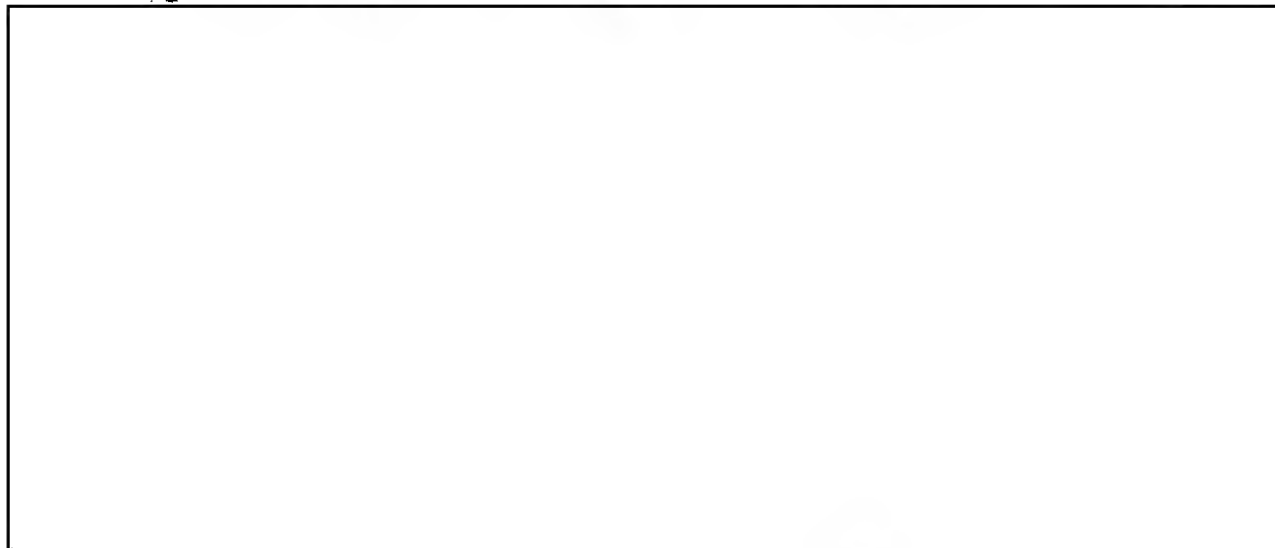
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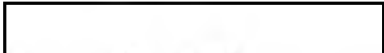
will remain in a suspense status in orbit and be activated up to 20 days after the recovery of Part I of the system. The  $J_2$  referred to is a separate CORONA Mural system and can be launched around 30 July providing  $J_1$  is successful.

c. LANYARD ( $L_3$ ) is a 66" focal length stereo photo Satellite using a thrust augmented THOR (TAT).  $L_3$  designates this as the third in the series.

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